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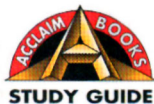
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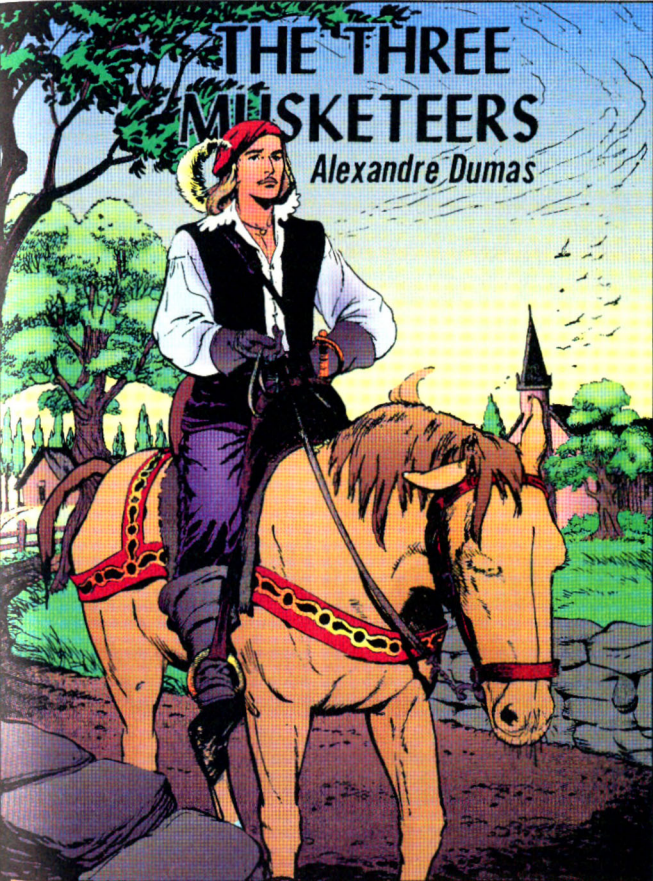
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ON AN APRIL DAY IN 1625, D'ARTAGNAN, A YOUNG MAN FROM GASCONY, RODE TO PARIS ON AN ANCIENT YELLOW HORSE TO SEEK HIS FORTUNE. IN HIS POCKET WERE 15 CROWNS AND A LETTER OF INTRODUCTION TO MONSIEUR DE TREVILLE, THE CAPTAIN OF THE KING'S MUSKETEERS.

WHEN HE ARRIVED AT MONSIEUR DE TREVILLE'S HOTEL, HE FOUND THE COURT FILLED WITH MUSKETEERS.



HE WAS ADMITTED TO DE TREVILLE'S APARTMENT.

ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, WHILE I FINISH WITH ANOTHER MATTER. ATHOS! PORTHOS! ARAMIS!

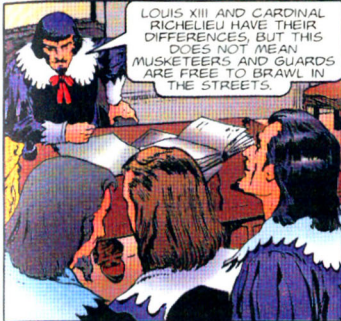


THREE MUSKETEERS IMMEDIATELY ENTERED.

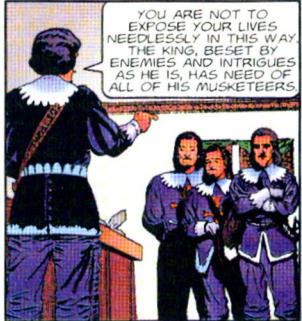


I HAVE HEARD, GENTLEMEN, THAT SOME OF THE KING'S MUSKETEERS FOUGHT THE CARDINAL'S GUARDS IN THE RUE FEROU YESTERDAY.





LOUIS XIII AND CARDINAL RICHELIEU HAVE THEIR DIFFERENCES, BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN MUSKETEERS AND GUARDS ARE FREE TO BRAWL IN THE STREETS.

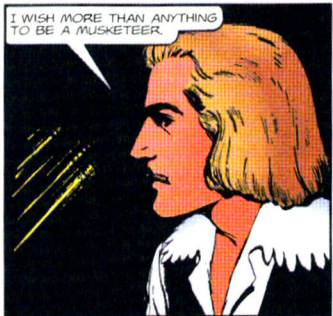


YOU ARE NOT TO EXPOSE YOUR LIVES NEEDLESSLY IN THIS WAY. THE KING, BESET BY ENEMIES AND INTRIGUES AS HE IS, HAS NEED OF ALL OF HIS MUSKETEERS.



AT A SIGN FROM DE TREVILLE, THE THREE MEN WENT OUT, LEAVING D'ARTAGNAN IN THE CHAMBER.

I KNEW YOUR FATHER AND RESPECTED HIM VERY MUCH. WHAT CAN I DO FOR HIS SON?



I WISH MORE THAN ANYTHING TO BE A MUSKETEER.



TO BECOME A MUSKETEER ONE MUST HAVE SERVED TWO YEARS IN SOME OTHER REGIMENT, OR HAVE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY CERTAIN BRILLIANT ACTIONS.



I WILL GET YOU ADMITTED TO THE ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY. YOU WILL LEARN MUCH THERE. MEANWHILE, FEEL FREE TO CALL UPON ME TO LET ME KNOW HOW YOU ARE DOING.

ELATED, D'ARTAGNAN BOUNDED DOWN THE STAIRS AND COLLIDED WITH ATHOS.

EXCUSE ME.

YOU SAY "EXCUSE ME" AND BELIEVE THAT IS SUFFICIENT? YOUR MANNERS ARE VERY BAD.

IT IS NOT YOU WHO CAN GIVE ME LESSONS IN GOOD MANNERS, I WARN YOU.

LET US MEET NEAR THE CARMES DESCHAUX AT NOON AND SETTLE THIS MATTER.

GOOD. I WILL BE THERE.

DARTAGNAN CONTINUED AND AT THE GATE CAME UPON PORTHOS AND A FRIEND.



AS HE PUSHED PAST THEM THE WIND BLEW OUT PORTHOS' CLOAK WHICH ENVELOPED D'ARTAGNAN IN ITS FOLDS.



EXCUSE ME,
YOUR CLOAK--

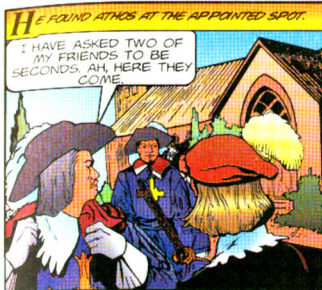


YOU MUST BE TAUGHT NOT
TO RUN AGAINST
MUSKETEERS IN THIS
FASHION. I WILL SEE YOU AT
ONE O'CLOCK BEHIND THE
LUXEMBOURG.

VERY
WELL.







SHALL WE FIGHT?
IT IS FIVE AGAINST
THREE.



NO, GENTLEMEN.
THERE ARE FOUR
OF US!



DRAWING THEIR SWORDS,
D'ARTAGNIAN AND THE
MUSKETEERS FOUGHT
TOGETHER.



IN A FEW MINUTES ALL THE GUARDS
WERE WOUNDED OR DEAD.



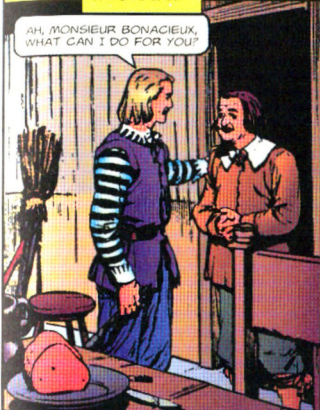
TRUMPHANTLY, THE FOUR FRIENDS WALKED
BACK TO DE TRÉVILLE'S HOTEL.

IF I AM NOT YET A MUSKETEER,
AT LEAST I HAVE ENTERED UPON
MY APPRENTICESHIP, HAVENT I?



D'ARTAGNAN FOUND LODGING IN A MODEST HOUSE AND SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME WITH THE MUSKETEERS. ONE DAY WHEN HE WAS ALONE AT HOME, HIS LANDLORD CAME TO CALL.

AH, MONSIEUR BONACIEUX, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?



I HAVE HEARD YOU SPOKEN OF AS A VERY BRAVE YOUNG MAN, WHICH EMBOLDENS ME TO CONFIDE IN YOU.



IT IS ABOUT CONSTANCE, MY WIFE. SHE HAS BEEN CARRIED OFF!

THE DEVIL! BY WHOM?



I DON'T KNOW, BUT I AM SURE THERE IS SOME INTRIGUE IN THIS. CONSTANCE IS SEAMSTRESS TO THE QUEEN AND IS IN HER CONFIDENCE.



IT IS KNOWN THAT THE QUEEN, ABANDONED BY THE KING AND SPIED UPON BY THE CARDINAL, IS LOVED BY THE ENGLISH DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM. I THINK CONSTANCE IS SOMEHOW CAUGHT UP IN THIS.

I WILL TRY TO THINK WHAT CAN BE DONE FOR HER.



D'ARTAGNAN CONFIDED THE MATTER TO HIS FRIENDS. SEVERAL DAYS LATER...



IT SOUNDS AS IF SOMEONE IS BEING MISTREATED IN MONSIEUR BONACIEUX'S APARTMENT.

HE RUSHED DOWNSTAIRS AND QUICKLY PUT THE MEN TO FLIGHT.



AH, MONSIEUR, YOU HAVE SAVED ME!

ARE YOU MADAME BONACIEUX?



YES. THOSE MEN WERE AGENTS OF THE CARDINAL, FROM WHOM I ESCAPED.

HOW DID YOU DO THAT?



I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A MOMENT WHEN THEY LEFT ME ALONE, BUT, AS YOU SEE, THEY FOLLOWED ME.



**ATHOS, PORTHOS AND ARAMIS
INSISTED ON ACCOMPANYING HIM.**



ONE MAN IS TOO EASILY
DESTROYED BY THE
CARDINAL'S SPIES. BUT
FOUR MEN, SHOULDER
TO SHOULDER, MIGHT
SUCCEED.

THAT IS OUR MOTTO, IS
IT NOT--ALL FOR ONE,
ONE FOR
ALL!



ALL FOR ONE,
ONE FOR ALL!



THIS IS THE LETTER I MUST DELIVER
TO THE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM. IF I
AM KILLED, ONE OF YOU MUST TAKE IT
AND RIDE ON. IF HE IS KILLED, A THIRD
WILL TAKE HIS PLACE,
AND SO ON.



BRAVO, D'ARTAGNAN!
LET US LEAVE WITHIN
THE HOUR.

THEY WENT AS FAR AS CHANTILLY WHERE THEY ALIGHTED AT AN INN.



IN THE COMMON ROOM THEY FELL INTO CONVERSATION WITH A MAN WHO HAD JUST ARRIVED.

LET US DRINK TO THE CARDINAL.

YES, IF YOU WILL, IN TURN, DRINK TO THE KING.



THERE IS NO OTHER KING BUT THE CARDINAL!



PORTHOS ROSE, AND THE STRANGER DREW HIS SWORD.



KILL THE FELLOW AND REJOIN US AS SOON AS YOU CAN.



THE THREE FRIENDS CONTINUED THEIR JOURNEY.
BEFORE LONG THEY CAME TO A GROUP OF MEN
WORKING ON THE ROAD.



THE WORKERS SUDDENLY PRODUCED MUSKETS FROM A
DITCH AND PEPPERED THEM WITH BULLETS.



A RAMIS, THOUGH WOUNDED,
CLUNG TO HIS HORSE'S MANE
AND ESCAPED WITH THE OTHERS.



BUT SOON...

I CAN GO NO FURTHER.
LEAVE ME AT THIS INN
AND GO ON.

VERY WELL.



D'ARTAGNAN AND ATHOS CONTINUED UNTIL MIDNIGHT, WHEN THEY STOPPED AT AN INN. THE NEXT MORNING ATHOS WENT INTO THE INNKEEPER'S OFFICE TO PAY THE BILL.

THIS MONEY IS COUNTERFEIT. I'LL HAVE YOU AND YOUR COMPANION ARRESTED!



YOU SCOUNDREL! I'LL CUT YOUR EARS OFF!



JUST THEN FOUR MEN RUSHED IN AND FELL UPON ATHOS.



I AM TAKEN! GO ON, D'ARTAGNAN! **SPUR! SPUR!**



**D'ARTAGNAN SET OFF
AT A GALLOP.**



BEFORE LONG HE REACHED THE PORT OF CALAIS.



NOTHING WOULD BE
MORE EASY, BUT WE
HAD ORDERS THIS
MORNING THAT NO
ONE BE ALLOWED TO
CROSS WITHOUT
PERMISSION FROM
THE CARDINAL.



I HAVE AN ORDER FROM
THE CARDINAL GRANTING ME
THAT PERMISSION.



**THE MAN SET OFF
TOWARD THE
GOVERNOR'S HOUSE,
CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY
D'ARTAGNAN.**

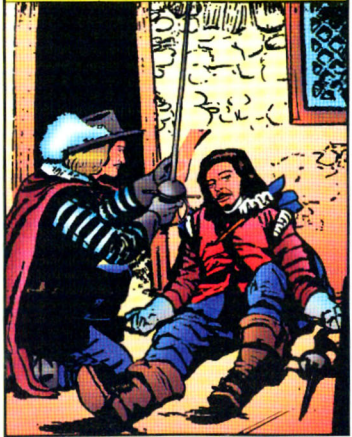




THE MAN DREW HIS SWORD AND
FELL UPON D'ARTAGNAN.



D'ARTAGNAN WOUNDED HIM SEVERELY
AND TOOK THE ORDER FROM HIS POCKET.



HE REACHED LONDON WITHOUT FURTHER DIFFICULTY AND WAS SOON IN THE PRESENCE OF THE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM.

HAS ANY MISFORTUNE BEFALLEN THE QUEEN?

NO, BUT I BELIEVE SHE IS IN SOME PERIL. HERE IS A MESSAGE FROM HER.

GREAT HEAVENS! I WILL GET THE STUDS IMMEDIATELY.

BUT...

WHAT IS THE MATTER, MILORD?

ALL IS LOST! TWO OF THE STUDS ARE MISSING. THERE ARE BUT TEN OF THEM.

CAN THEY HAVE BEEN STOLEN?

THE ONLY TIME I WORE THESE STUDS WAS AT A BALL LAST WEEK. MILADY DE WINTER STOOD BESIDE ME TALKING FOR QUITE A LONG TIME.

SHE IS AN AGENT OF THE CARDINAL. SHE MUST HAVE TAKEN THEM.



WHAT'S TO BE DONE? THE BALL IS IN FIVE DAYS.

I WILL HAVE TWO MADE EXACTLY LIKE THE OTHERS.



THE DUKE SET HIS JEWELER TO WORK. TWO DAYS LATER, D'ARTAGNAN WAS READY TO RETURN TO FRANCE WITH TWELVE DIAMOND STUDS.

HOW CAN I EVER REPAY MY DEBT TO YOU?



I CONFESS, YOUR GRACE, THAT WITH WAR IMMINENT BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, I MUST LOOK UPON YOU AS A FUTURE ENEMY. THAT WHICH I DID, I DID FOR MY QUEEN.



YOUR HAND, YOUNG MAN. PERHAPS WE SHALL SOON MEET ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE, BUT NOW WE PART GOOD FRIENDS, I TRUST.



D'ARTAGNAN RETURNED TO PARIS SAFELY AND GAVE THE DIAMONDS TO CONSTANCE BONACIEUX TO GIVE TO THE QUEEN. THE NEXT DAY HE RECEIVED A MESSAGE.

Great thanks are due
you. Come this evening
at ten o'clock to
St. Cloud and wait
in front of the
pavilion.
Constance

D'ARTAGNAN WENT TO ST. CLOUD.
AT 11 O'CLOCK HE GREW UNEASY.



THERE IS NO SIGN OF
HER. CAN SOMETHING
HAVE HAPPENED?

HE SWUNG HIMSELF
UP INTO A TREE FROM
WHICH HE COULD SEE INTO
THE LIGHTED ROOM.



GREAT HEAVENS!
SOMEONE MUST HAVE
TAKEN HER AWAY
BY FORCE!



JUMPING DOWN,
D'ARTAGNAN MADE
ANOTHER DISCOVERY.

HER GLOVE!
TORN AND
MUDDY!



D'ARTAGNAN WENT TO DE TREVILLE AND TOLD HIM THE STORY.

THIS ALL SAVORS OF THE CARDINAL. HE MUST KNOW HOW THE DIAMOND STUDS GOT FROM LONDON TO PARIS.



IF I WERE YOU I WOULD LEAVE PARIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE CARDINAL IS A FORMIDABLE ENEMY, WITH ALL THE DEVIL'S TRICKS AT HIS COMMAND.



BUT I MUST TRY TO FIND CONSTANCE!



THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO. I WILL TELL THE QUEEN WHAT HAS HAPPENED. SHE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP THE YOUNG WOMAN.



IN THAT CASE, I SHALL LEAVE IMMEDIATELY AND SEEK OUT ATHOS, PORTHOS AND ARAMIS.



D'ARTAGNAN WENT TO THE INN WHERE HE HAD PARTED WITH PORTHOS.

CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO MY FRIEND WHO WAS DETAINED HERE BY A QUARREL A WEEK AGO?



MONSIEUR PORTHOS? HE IS HERE, RECOVERING FROM A CHEST WOUND. AH, THE BILL HE HAS RUN UP!



D'ARTAGNAN FOUND PORTHOS IN HIS ROOM.

D'ARTAGNAN! YOU ARE WELCOME, MY DEAR FELLOW. DID YOU HEAR MY SORRY STORY? WHEN I WAS FIGHTING WITH THE STRANGER I TRIPPED ON A STONE AND STRAINED MY KNEE.



INDEED?

IT WAS LUCKY FOR THE RASCAL, FOR I SHOULD HAVE LEFT HIM DEAD ON THE SPOT.



AS I SEE YOU ARE WELL PROVIDED FOR, I WILL GO ON TO FIND THE OTHERS. WE WILL CALL FOR YOU ON THE WAY BACK.

HE FOUND ARAMIS,
AT ANOTHER INN.

IS THIS ARAMIS, OR
HAVE I MISTAKEN YOUR
ROOM FOR THAT OF
A CHURCHMAN?



I HAVE ALWAYS
INTENDED TO TAKE
THE HOLY ORDERS
AND I AM NOW
ABOUT TO DO SO.



IN THAT CASE, I SHALL
BURN THIS LETTER
WHICH CAME FOR YOU
IN PARIS.



WHAT LETTER?

OH, ONLY FROM
SOME WOMAN,
I THINK.



AH, SHE LOVES
ME STILL! SHE IS
NOT FAITHLESS!



DEAR FRIEND, HAPPINESS
STIFLES ME. I RETURN
TO THE WORLD.



BECAUSE ARAMIS HAD NOT COMPLETELY RECOVERED FROM HIS WOUNDS, D'ARTAGNAN WENT ON ALONE. HE JOURNEYED UNTIL HE CAME TO THE INN WHERE HE HAD LAST SEEN ATHOS.

YOU ONCE HAD THE AUDACITY TO ACCUSE A GENTLEMAN OF PASSING BAD MONEY. WHAT HAS BECOME OF HIM?



AH, MONSIEUR, HE FOUGHT LIKE A TIGER. AS HE RETREATED HE FOUND THE WAY TO THE CELLAR AND BARRICADED HIMSELF IN IT.



I SEE, YOU MADE HIM YOUR PRISONER.

OH, NO! WE KNOW WE ACCUSED HIM WRONGLY, AND HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET HIM OUT, BUT HE WILL NOT COME.

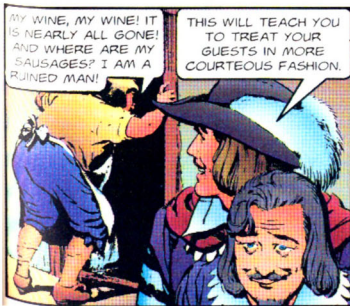
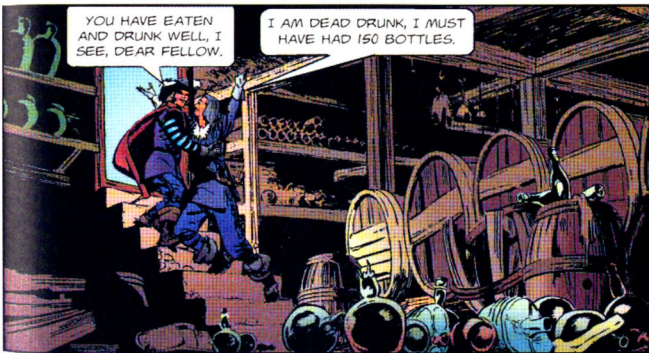


ALL OUR SUPPLIES ARE IN THE CELLAR. HE WILL NOT LET US IN AND WE ARE FORCED TO TURN AWAY TRAVELLERS WHO COME FOR FOOD AND DRINK.



OH, MONSIEUR, IF YOU COULD ONLY PERSUADE HIM TO COME OUT! IF HE STAYS IN THE CELLAR ANOTHER WEEK I SHALL BE RUINED!





I THINK I WILL TELL YOU A STORY OF LOVE. ONE OF MY FRIENDS, A COUNT, FELL IN LOVE WITH A BEAUTIFUL BUT PENNILESS YOUNG GIRL AND MARRIED HER.



ONE DAY WHEN THEY WERE OUT HUNTING SHE FELL FROM HER HORSE AND FAINTED. HE LOOSENED HER DRESS AND WHAT DO YOU THINK HE FOUND ON HER SHOULDER?



A FLEUR-DE-LIS!
SHE HAD BEEN A THIEF AND WAS
BRANDED!



GREAT HEAVENS!
WHAT DID HE
DO THEN?

HE TIED HER HANDS
BEHIND HER BACK
AND HANGED HER
FROM A
TREE!



WHAT A GHASTLY THING
TO HAVE HAPPENED
TO YOUR FRIEND!

MY FRIEND?
D'ARTAGNAN,
IT WAS I!



DARTAGNAN AND HISOS SET OUT THE NEXT DAY, STOPPING ON THE WAY FOR ARAMIS AND PORTHOS. SOON THE FOUR FRIENDS WERE AGAIN IN PARIS. ONE DAY WHEN D'ARTAGNAN WAS OUT RIDING HE CAME ACROSS A CARRIAGE DRAWN UP BY THE ROADSIDE.



IN IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL LADY TALKING ANGRILY TO A CAVALIER.



EASER TO LEARN
MORE, D'ARTAGNAN
ACCEPTED THE
INVITATION AND BEGAN
TO VISIT MILADY OFTEN.
ONE NIGHT HE HEARD
HER TALKING TO HER
MAID.



IF MADAME HATES
MONSIEUR D'ARTAGNAN
SO, WHY DOES SHE
ENCOURAGE HIM TO CALL?



HE AND I HAVE SOMETHING
TO SETTLE THAT HE IS
QUITE IGNORANT OF. HE
WAS VERY NEAR MAKING
ME LOSE MY CREDIT WITH
THE CARDINAL OVER TWO
DIAMOND STUDS.

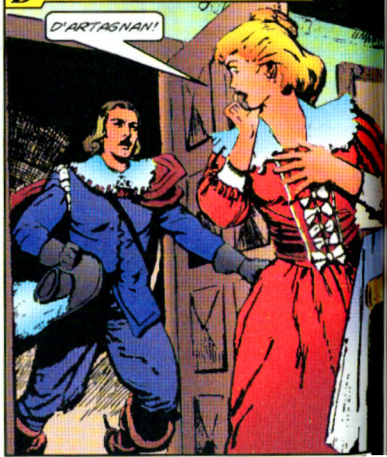


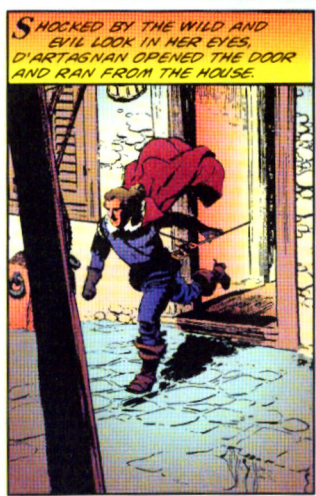
MADAME HAS AT LEAST
REVENGED HERSELF BY
HAVING HIS FRIEND,
MADAME BONACIEUX,
ABDUCTED.



D'ARTAGNAN FLUNG OPEN THE DOOR.

D'ARTAGNAN!







SOON AFTER, THE FOUR FRIENDS LEFT PARIS ON A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE ENGLISH AT LA ROCHELLE. D'ARTAGNAN, BEING IN ANOTHER COMPANY, WAS SEPARATED FROM THE THREE MUSKETEERS. ONE DAY...



D'ARTAGNAN WAS ABOUT TO SAMPLE IT WHEN THE MUSKETEERS CAME MARCHING UP.

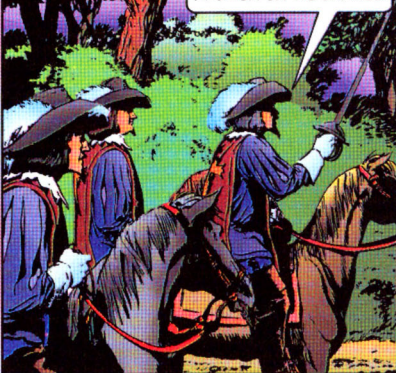


THEY HURRY TO D'ARTAGNAN'S ROOM.



THE THREE MUSKETEERS RETURNED TO THEIR CAMP. ONE NIGHT THEY WERE RIDING TOGETHER WHEN THEY HEARD THE SOUND OF HORSES.

WHO GOES THERE?
ANSWER OR WE CHARGE.

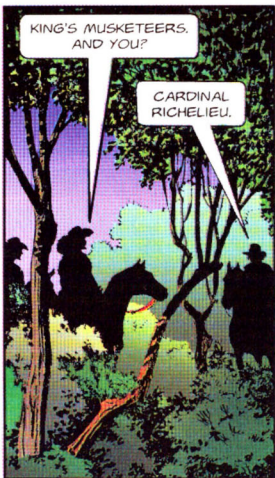


BEWARE OF WHAT
YOU ARE ABOUT TO
DO, GENTLEMEN.
WHO ARE YOU?



KING'S MUSKETEERS.
AND YOU?

CARDINAL
RICHELIEU.



YOUR PARDON,
MONSEIGNEUR. WE
DID NOT KNOW YOU.

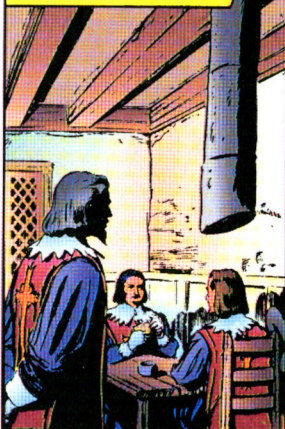
I REQUEST YOU
GENTLEMEN TO FOLLOW
ME AND BE MY ESCORT
FOR THE EVENING.



THE MUSKETEERS ACCOMPANIED THE CARDINAL TO AN INN.



AS THEY WAITED, ATHOS RESTLESSLY PACED BACK AND FORTH.




HE PASSED A BROKEN STOVE PIPE AND HEARD THE SOUND OF VOICES.




THE THREE MUSKETEERS GATHERED AROUND THE PIPE.






WHAT DO YOU WISH,
MONSEIGNEUR?

YOU ARE TO TELL
THE DUKE OF
BUCKINGHAM I HAVE
PROOFS OF HIS
MEETINGS WITH THE
QUEEN, AND THAT I WILL
REVEAL THEM IF HE
CONTINUES WITH
THIS WAR.



BUT IT IS POSSIBLE
HE MAY PERSIST.

THEN A WAY WILL
HAVE TO BE FOUND
TO KILL HIM.



I WILL FIND THE WAY.
BUT IN EXCHANGE FOR
BUCKINGHAM, I WISH
THE DEATH OF ONE
OF MY ENEMIES.

WHAT IS HIS
NAME?



D'ARTAGNAN.

VERY WELL.
GIVE ME
PAPER AND
PEN.

SOON...

*It is by my
order, and for the
good of the state,
that the bearer of
this has done
what he has done*
3d. December, 1627

Richelieu

A FEW MINUTES LATER THE CARDINAL DESCENDED THE STAIRS.

WHERE IS MONSIEUR ATHOS?



HE HAS GONE AHEAD TO SEE THAT THE ROADS ARE SAFE.

VERY WELL, LET US GO, GENTLEMEN.



WHEN THE OTHERS LEFT, ATHOS RETURNED TO THE INN.

WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?



YOU DO NOT RECOGNIZE ME?



I AM THE COUNT DE LA FERRE, YOUR HUSBAND. GIVE ME THE PAPER THE CARDINAL GAVE YOU, OR I WILL BLOW OUT YOUR BRAINS.



TAKE IT, AND BE ACCURSED!

NOW THAT I HAVE DRAWN YOUR TEETH, VIPER, BITE IF YOU CAN!



THE NEXT DAY THE THREE MUSKETEERS MET D'ARTAGNAN AT AN INN FOR BREAKFAST.



THE FOUR MEN WERE SOON ESTABLISHED IN THE BASTION.



NOW, ATHOS, WHAT DID YOU WISH TO TELL ME?



I SAW MILADY YESTERDAY.

WHAT!

ATHOS RELATED WHAT HAD HAPPENED THE NIGHT BEFORE SUDDENLY.



ABOUT 20 MEN ARE COMING TOWARD US.



THERE ARE ONLY FOUR SOLDIERS. THE REST ARE WORKMEN. I WILL WARN THEM AWAY.



GENTLEMEN, WE ARE BREAKFASTING. PLEASE WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE FINISHED, IF YOU HAVE BUSINESS HERE.

IN ANSWER, SEVERAL BULLETS FLATTENED THEMSELVES IN THE WALL AROUND ATHOS.



THE FOUR FRIENDS REPLIED WITH A VOLLEY THAT PUT THE GROUP TO FLIGHT.



THEN...

TO CONTINUE, MILADY MUST BE ON HER WAY TO ENGLAND. I THINK THE BEST THING TO DO WOULD BE TO WRITE TO LORD DE WINTER, HER BROTHER-IN-LAW, AND TELL HIM HER PLANS REGARDING BUCKINGHAM.



GENTLEMEN, TO ARMS! MORE TROOPS APPROACH.



FOUR SHOTS RANG OUT AND FOUR OF THE ENEMY FELL.



ALTHOUGH THE FOUR FRENCHMEN CONTINUED TO FIRE, A DOZEN SOLDIERS REACHED THE FOOT OF THE BASTION.



LET US FINISH THEM AT A BLOW. TO THE WALL!

A PUSH SENT THE WEAKENED WALL TUMBLING UPON THE SOLDIERS.



I BELIEVE THAT FINISHES IT, GENTLEMEN. NOW, AS WE HAVE BEEN HERE AN HOUR, I SUGGEST WE RETURN TO OUR COMRADES.



BECAUSE OF HIS PART IN THIS ADVENTURE, D'ARTAGNAN WAS MADE A MUSKETEER.

THE DREAM OF MY LIFE HAS COME TRUE!



THE FOUR MUSKETEERS SENT A LETTER TO LORD DE WINTER. WHEN MILADY ARRIVED IN ENGLAND, A YOUNG NAVAL OFFICER MET HER.



SHE WAS ESCORTED TO A CHATEAU AND LEFT IN A ROOM WITH BARRED WINDOWS.



THEN LORD DE WINTER APPEARED IN THE DOORWAY.



IN ONE WEEK I WILL HAVE AN ORDER OF DEPORTATION WHICH WILL PLACE YOU THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM ENGLAND. MEANWHILE, I HOPE YOU WILL BE COMFORTABLE HERE.



WHEN DE WINTER LEFT, MILADY PACED UP AND DOWN IN A FURY.

THIS TOO I MUST OWE TO D'ARTAGNAN. FIRST THE AFFAIR OF THE STUDS, THEN MY BRAND AND NOW THIS. OH, REVENGE! REVENGE!



BUT IN ORDER TO AVENGE MYSELF I MUST BE FREE. PERHAPS I CAN WIN OVER THE YOUNG OFFICER WHO BROUGHT ME HERE. IT IS MY ONLY CHANCE.



FELTON, THE OFFICER, CAME TO OVERSEE HER WELFARE SEVERAL TIMES A DAY. AT EACH VISIT MILADY DID ALL SHE COULD TO WIN HIS SYMPATHY.

ARE YOU ILL, MILADY?

OH, HOW I HAVE SUFFERED!



IF YOU BUT KNEW MY STORY, YOU WOULD SEE THAT WHAT LORD DE WINTER TELLS YOU IS UNTRUE.



YOU HAVE BEEN WRONGED, THEN?

OH, YES, BY HIM, BUT EVEN MORE BY THE INFAMOUS DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM.



BY SKILLFUL LIES MILADY PERSUADED FELTON THAT SHE SHOULD BE FREED, AND THAT BUCKINGHAM SHOULD BE MURDERED. THE NIGHT BEFORE SHE WAS TO BE DEPORTED, SHE HEARD A TAP AT THE WINDOW.



FELTON! I AM SAVED!

YES, BUT BE SILENT. I MUST FILE THROUGH THESE BARS.



WHEN HE HAD FINISHED...

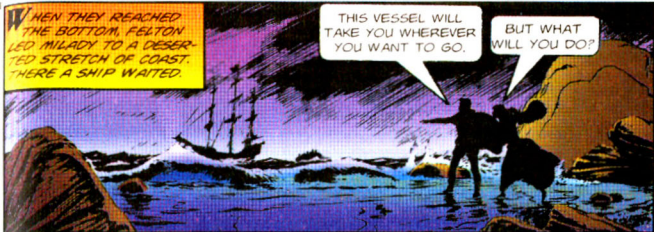
PUT YOUR ARMS AROUND MY NECK AND FEAR NOTHING.



SLOWLY THEY DESCENDED



WHEN THEY REACHED THE BOTTOM, FELTON LED MILADY TO A DESERTED STRETCH OF COAST. THERE A SHIP WAITED.



THIS VESSEL WILL TAKE YOU WHEREVER YOU WANT TO GO.

BUT WHAT WILL YOU DO?

I MUST FIND BUCKINGHAM. HE IS DUE TO SAIL FOR LA ROCHELLE TOMORROW.

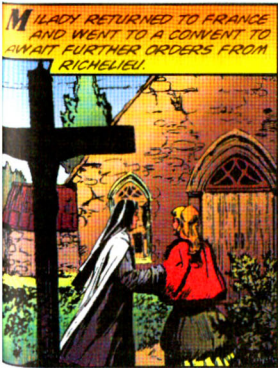


HE MUST NOT SAIL!

BE SATISFIED. HE WILL NOT!



MLADY RETURNED TO FRANCE AND WENT TO A CONVENT TO AWAIT FURTHER ORDERS FROM RICHELIEU.



AND FELTON SLEW THE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM.

AH! TRAITOR! YOU HAVE KILLED ME.



AT THE CONVENT, MILADY MET ANOTHER YOUNG WOMAN.

AND WHY ARE YOU STAYING HERE, MY DEAR?

I WAS IN THE EMPLOY OF THE QUEEN, AND WHEN THE CARDINAL FOUND OUT ABOUT CERTAIN SERVICES I HAD DONE FOR HER, HE HAD ME ABDUCTED.

BUT THE QUEEN FOUND OUT WHERE I WAS AND HAD ME BROUGHT HERE FOR SAFETY.

YOU ARE CONSTANCE BONACIEUX!

YES, MILADY, BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW?

WE HAVE A MUTUAL FRIEND, MONSIEUR D'ARTAGNAN. HAVE YOU HAD ANY NEWS FROM HIM?

OH, YES. I HAVE JUST HAD A NOTE THAT HE IS COMING HERE FOR ME THIS VERY NIGHT!

SUDDENLY A CLATTER OF HOOFS WAS HEARD.

PERHAPS THAT IS D'ARTAGNAN. OH, MY HEART BEATS SO I CANNOT WALK!

SWIFTLY MILADY POURED A GLASS OF WINE AND SLIPPED A REDDISH POWDER INTO IT.

HERE, THIS WILL GIVE YOU STRENGTH.

CONSTANCE DRANK AND SANK TO THE GROUND, AS MILADY FLED.

THIS IS NOT THE WAY I WISHED TO AVENGE MYSELF, BUT WE DO WHAT WE CAN.

WHEN THE FOUR MUSKETEERS ARRIVED, CONSTANCE WAS DYING.

WHO DID THIS TO YOU?

SHE CALLED HERSELF... MILADY.

THIS MONSTER HAS LIVED TOO LONG! WAIT FOR ME HERE. I HAVE MEASURES TO TAKE.



AT HOS RETURNED WITH A TALL MASKED MAN. THEY SET OUT AND FOUND MILADY AT A LONELY HOUSE.



WE WANT THE PERSON KNOWN AS MILADY DE WINTER--TO PUNISH HER FOR HER CRIMES.

OH, GOD! AND WHO IS THIS?



THE EXECUTIONER!



THE EXECUTIONER LED MILADY TO A BOAT AT A NEARBY RIVER. WHEN HE ROWED HER TO THE OTHER SIDE, THE FOUR MUSKETEERS SAW HIS SWORD GLEAM AND THEN FALL.

GOD'S JUSTICE BE DONE. DIE IN PEACE.



THE FOUR MUSKETEERS RETURNED TO LA ROCHELLE. D'ARTAGNAN WAS ARRESTED AND BROUGHT BEFORE CARDINAL RICHELIEU.

YOU HAVE CONTINUALLY GIVEN ME TROUBLE, MONSIEUR-- IN THE AFFAIR OF THE STUDS AND NOW --



IT IS TRUE, AND ANOTHER MIGHT ANSWER YOU THAT HE HAS HIS PARDON IN HIS POCKET.



D'ARTAGNAN SAVE THE CARDINAL THE NOTE ATROS HAD TAKEN FROM MILADY.



ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN ENEMIES, SUCH COURAGE AS YOURS MUST BE REWARDED. HERE IS A LIEUTENANT'S COMMISSION IN THE MUSKETEERS.

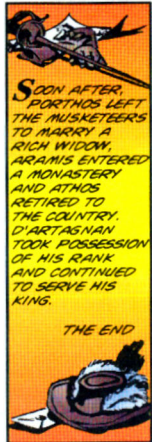


D'ARTAGNAN IMMEDIATELY SOUGHT OUT HIS FRIENDS.

EACH OF YOU IS MORE WORTHY OF THIS COMMISSION THAN I.



KEEP IT, MY BOY. NO ONE DESERVES IT MORE.



SOON AFTER, PORTHOS LEFT THE MUSKETEERS TO MARRY A RICH WIDOW, ARAMIS ENTERED A MONASTERY AND ATHOS RETIRED TO THE COUNTRY. D'ARTAGNAN TOOK POSSESSION OF HIS RANK AND CONTINUED TO SERVE HIS KING.

THE END

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